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SUBJECT: BUSINESS DISPUTE

TO: RAY COFFEY, ESQ

GENERAL COUNSEL

AMF INCORPORATED

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

1. I HAVE TODAY JULY 6TH, 1977, DELIVERED TO MR HENRY ABBOTT, AMF MANAGING DIRECTOR, MIDDLE EAST REGION, AT HIS REQUEST, CERTIFIED PHOTO-COPIES OF CHECKS SHOWN ME BY MR BYRON GREEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JUMAIRAH MARINE AND TRADING COMPANY. THE CHECKS, ALL OF WHICH WERE CANCELLED, WERE PAYABLE TO MSSRS ABDUL SAMAD (AMF TUBOSCOPE'S OFFICE MANAGER IN DUBAI), AND JOHN SPIVEY (CURRENT AMF TUBOSCOPE REGIONAL MANAGER). FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1975, TO MAY 2, 1977, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 154,710.11 US DOLLARS WAS PAID TO THESE GENTLMEN IN US DOLLARS AND UAE DIRHAMS, IF THEY DID IN FACT RECEIVE THE CHECKS. THE CHECKS WERE COUNTERSIGNED AND THE SIGNATURES SEEM SIMILAR TO OTHER SIGNATURE OF THESE MEN THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO ME. THE CHECKS WERE PAID BY JUMAIRAH MARINE AND TRADING COMPANY THROUGH THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK BRANCH IN DUBAI.

2. IN ADDITION, MR GREEN HAS TOLD MR ABBOTT AND ME THAT A FURTHER 7,680 US DOLLARS WERE PAID BY JUMAIRAH TO AF
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TUBOSCOPE DUBAI STAFF IN 1973 AND US DOLLARS 31,191.75 WERE SIMILARLY PAID IN 1974. I HAVE NO EVIDENCE BEFORE ME--OTHER THAN MR GREEN'S ASSERTION--THAT THESE 1973 AND 1974 PAYMENTS WERE ACTUALLY PAID.

3. ON JULY 3, 1977, MR GREEN TOLD ME THAT HE WAS "SATISFIED THAT AMF WAS TAKING THE MATTER SERIOUSLY" AND THAT HE

PLANNED NO FURTHER ACTION PENDING THE OUTCOME OF YOUR INTERNAL INQUIRIES. HE HAD CONSIDERED OBTAINING A COURT ORDER SEIZING MR SPIVEY'S PASSPORT AND REQUIRING THAT NO AMF TUBOSCOPE ASSETS BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE DUBAI PENDING RESOLUTION OF JUMAIRAH'S DISPUTE WITH AMF TUBOSCOPE. (SUCH COURT ORDERS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY DUBAI'S COURTS IN THE PAST.)

4. BASICALLY, GREEN ASSERTS AMF TUBOSCOPE OWES HIS FIRM MONEY AND HE IS TRYING TO COLLECT SAME.

5. MR ABBOTT TELLS ME YOU MAY SEND SOME MEMBERS OF AMF'S STAFF TO DUBAI TO INVESTIGATE THIS SITUATION. MY STAFF AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO RENDER ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

AMERICAN EMBASSY

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